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I feel that I must make my feelings known re the proposed development in and around the green belt area south of Warrington.

My first reaction was sheer horror at the proposals. Having been involved in public sector proposals throughout my career I recognise the strategy of putting forward draconian proposals that obviously will be savaged and then making concessions that will be withdrawn whilst maintaining the main thrust of your plan.

However, without getting buried in the level of detail one can see the plan fails on a rook of issues originally proposed by the councillors who sit on the planning committee (I believe 9 out of 11 having constituencies north of Warrington and also some interesting advisers).

I realise that you will have difficulty reading the hundreds of comments made by concerned Warringtonians from north and south of the Mersey, I therefore will be brief.

My major concerns are:

You propose destroying our countryside knowing full well it will never be retrieved

The knock-on of losing the green belt apart from the loss of acres of quality food producing land (something we will increasingly need in the future) is a reduction in air quality, a very real concern around Warrington.

What is more you will be undermining successive councils efforts to improve the air that we breath.

The area around the proposed Stobart site and down to the Motorway is already a pinch point and for long periods creates length delays and with it significant pollution and cost to road travellers. This will of course be exacerbated by the new home owners travel to work and schools. Increasing the already many ,rat-runs e.g. Weaste Lane.

Where are the millions of trees to be planted -announced by government?

I am aware that we need more houses (but nothing on the scale you propose) but the real need is for affordable housing near to where people work, not the type of housing that brings developers massive profits. Building on green sites is a godsend for house builders and the developers, who have obtained the land, plus low land development costs and high value homes.

Really this has all the hallmarks of a plan conceived in a rush under pressure from central government and lack of central funding. But more than this it goes against many of the policies that our councillors have put forward in their recent manifestos.

Shame on you.

Martin Tavender